

wish to speak to the Johnson amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Johnson?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members I...I guess the only explanation I can conceive of is that the drafters of this bill or this amendment feel as if these three other offices, for one reason or another, are lesser offices, even though they represent more people, and that's the reason for the lower limits. But I would suggest, based upon the service committed, in fact, the Public Service Commission for one, being a constitutional officer position, probably is at equal standing with the Legislature, even though it is a regulatory agency as opposed to an agency which drafts and proposes and passes law or policy, it is in the business of regulating affected industries in this state. So, from my standpoint Senator Schmit made some very good comments relative to the discussion of size and density of districts. And I think that is appropriate to look at that when you're setting limits on candidates running for any one of these three offices. So, with that, I would move the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We'll now vote on the Johnson amendment to the Ashford amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Johnson's amendment to the Ashford amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment to the amendment is adopted. Further amendments on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Johnson would move to amend. (R. Johnson amendment, FA322, can be found on pages 1517-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, I apologize to the body for not reading Senator Ashford's amendment more thoroughly than I did before. But if you are following his amendment, you turn over to page 2, and again we're talking about making contribution limits from in this case, independent committees, corporations, unions, industries, trades, professional associations, it goes on and sets...sets those limits for